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SUBJECT: BURKINA FASO: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON UNAIDS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SELECTION

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(SBU) On September 17, PolOff presented reftel demarche to Mr. Dieudonne Sougouri and Mr. Der Kogda, the incumbent and incoming Directors for International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Kogda and Sougouri said they had not received any information on other candidates for the United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) position and asked how many people had been short-listed. Kodga was pleased that a candidate from West Africa was one of the top choices and agreed that Mr. Michel Sidibe's experience qualified him to be the UNAIDS executive director. Kodga said he would pass the information provided to his superiors. Post will follow-up with further information if received.

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